

TROY CITY VIEW

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Fall 2009

Greetings and welcome to the Troy City View. This newsletter reflects our city's ongoing efforts to communicate with our citizens in Troy and to inform you of the various aspects and ongoing events of our City. I hope you find this a very useful tool in your planning.

Sincerely,
Michael L. Beamish, Mayor



City Welcomes Korean Businesses to Troy



On August 17th, Mayor Beamish, Troy Development Council President Chuck Cochran, Director of Public Service & Safety Patrick Titterington, Development Director Jim Dando and several key City of Troy staff welcomed a delegation of businesses from the Republic of Korea's Global Network Foundation (GNF). This trade mission was the second such visit from the GNF, who visited in December of last year, and included 21 representatives from 11 manufacturing companies in the Seoul area.

The delegation toured the Motoman and RevWires plants in Troy and experienced the digital visualization lab at Wright State University. Representatives from several state and federal business assistance agencies in the region made presentations about American international trade procedures. The mission ended on Thursday afternoon with a comprehensive look at how foreign companies can do business with Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the U. S. Department of Defense.

During the visit, several Korean company officials met privately with American businesses in the Troy area, with the goal of exploring synergistic relationships, partnerships, and potential joint ventures. At least two of those meetings have led to further exploration by the Korean companies of investing in the Troy area, with more collaboration possible.

The Korean visitors were very impressed with Troy's positive business attitude, especially during the downturn in the global economy. Said Dr. Seongdong Wee, President of KOHAT, a Korean-based roadway analysis technology company, "I was strongly impressed. I thought the City of Troy is very nice place in which to live and do business because of...the passion for the community by all members of the City of Troy."

Titterington added: "We were very satisfied that we met the objectives of their visit and I'm confident that we will see much investment by their companies in the Troy area in the long run." The GNF has committed to returning to Troy in the future but has, in the meantime, invited Mayor Beamish, Mr. Titterington, and the Troy Development Council to Korea during their Asian trip scheduled for April 2010.

Special Fall Events in Troy

TASTE OF TROY

Filling the streets of downtown Troy on Saturday, **Sept. 19** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be the sights, sounds, and aromas of the many artistic talents of Troy. Select restaurants around Troy will offer a variety of foods to tempt your taste buds. Artists from all over Ohio will display handmade pottery, paper, jewelry, soaps, paintings, and much more. We look forward to seeing you at the Taste of Troy!



HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween Parade will be held at 9:30 a.m. on **Oct. 24** in downtown Troy. Following the parade is a costume judging contest and a mystery word scramble. Come check out the fun!! On **Oct. 30**, more activities are in store including: Ghost tours of Troy's famous historic haunts, movie time in the Community Room (405 SW Public Sq.), and a raffle of wonderful prizes.

TRICK OR TREAT

Miami County has set the date for trick-or-treat night to be held **Oct. 29**, from 6-8 p.m. This event is city-wide.



VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES

Please come to the Riverside Cemetery on **Nov. 11** at 11:00 a.m. to honor and show your support for our veterans during the annual Veterans Day Ceremonies.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Come to downtown Troy **Nov. 27** and participate in the holiday festivities. Starting off at 6 p.m. will be the Illumination Parade followed by the lighting of the Christmas Tree. Do not miss the Mayor's reading of the Month Before Christmas. Bring your camera and get your picture taken with Santa Claus and many of your favorite costume characters.

TEMPTATIONS COMING TO TROY

The Temptations will perform a Holiday show at Hobart Arena on **Dec. 10** at 8 p.m. Hurry and purchase your tickets while they last. Ticket prices are \$62, \$45 and \$30. Tickets can be purchased by calling (937) 339-5145 or by clicking on the Hobart Arena website at www.hobartarena.com.



2009 City Council Meeting Dates & City Calendar

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda packet for each meeting is posted on the City's website, www.troyohio.gov/meetingnotices/agenda.html as well as in City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input.

The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings (highlighted) and other important City events planned through the end on 2009:

SEPTEMBER 2009

1	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
7	Labor Day Holiday - City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed All Week)	
8	Council	7 p.m.
9	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
17	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
21	Council	7 p.m.
23	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2009

5	Council	7 p.m.
6	Joint Recreation and Park Board Meeting	11 a.m.
14	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
15	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
19	Council	7 p.m.
28	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
31	Third Quarter Estimated Tax Payments Due (for Individuals & Calendar Year Businesses)	

NOVEMBER 2009

2	Council	7 p.m.
3	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
11	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
16	Council	7 p.m.
19	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
26/27	Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed All Week)	
27	Lighting of Christmas Tree, Evening, Public Square	

DECEMBER 2009

1	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
7	Council	7 p.m.
9	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
17	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
21	Council	7 p.m.
24/25	Christmas Holiday - City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed one day starting Dec. 25)	

NOTE: All meetings are held at
Troy City Hall, 100 South Market Street
unless otherwise designated in parenthesis.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

MADISON STREET STORM SEWER LIFT STATION

Work will begin in November on installing new pumps and other instrumentation at this Lift Station. The work will be performed by Peterson Construction at a cost of \$505,000.

PAVING PROJECTS

The City of Troy, with funding from MVRPC (Miami Valley Regional Regional Planning Commission) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, will be repaving three (3) roadway segments. South Stanfield Road from SR 41 to West Stanfield Road at a cost of \$155,917; West Stanfield Road from South Stanfield Road to just west of Industry Court at a cost of \$129,330; and North Elm Street from State Route 41 (West Main Street) to the city limits at a cost of \$255,740.

WESTBROOK SANITARY SEWERS

The City is bidding a sanitary sewer project to reline sewers through a large portion of Westbrook. This project, with a cost of \$1,500,000 will be funded with a grant and loan from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Construction is expected to begin during the winter months.

CATCH BASINS

The annual catch basin replacement program will include catch basins in twenty-four locations in the city and is funded from the storm water utility fund. Work is expected to begin in October and continue until the end of the year.

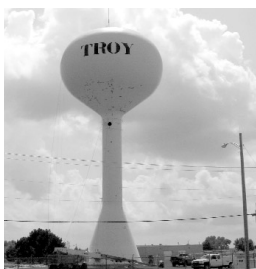
DITCH STABILIZATION

Ditch work will be done this fall in a ditch along Stonycreek, then crossing under West Main Street near Norwich. This work, at an estimated cost of \$68,000, will help to keep erosion from continuing in this ditch. This will be funded through the storm water utility fund. Work is expected to begin in October and continue through the end of the year.

REC ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the alleyway, (South of the Troy Rec) will be made thanks to CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) funding. The project will primarily improve the drainage in this area. The work is expected to be done through the fall and early winter months.

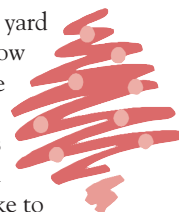
STANFIELD AND BARNHART TOWER PAINTING



Repair work on both Stanfield Water Tower and Barnhart Water Tower is now underway. Both towers are located west of I-75, and much of the work to be done is interior work. However, Stanfield will receive a complete paint overcoat on the exterior, and will display the Troy, Ohio USA logo, by permission of the Troy Development Council. The work should be completed by mid-September, weather permitting.

Christmas Tree Donations Now Being Accepted

Do you have a nicely shaped 30 foot evergreen tree in your yard that you have wanted to cut down because it is just too big? Now can you picture that same tree located on the Public Square during the holidays with thousands of lights and beautiful ornaments placed neatly all over it? If you have answered yes to either of these questions, please contact the Service and Director's Office at (937) 335-1725 to advise that you would like to donate your tree to the City of Troy for use this holiday season.



Leaf Schedule Regulations

On Monday, October 19, the City of Troy street crews will commence the annual leaf pick-up. As in the past, the leaf pick-up will be by zones. There will be three phases involved in the pickup process. For more information on the pick-up zones, please visit our website at www.troyohio.gov.

Where possible, residents are asked to rake leaves one foot out of the gutter onto the street to allow drainage in the gutter. Vehicles should be removed from the streets during collection dates. Residents are reminded that foreign objects, limbs, etc. should be kept out of the leaves since they will damage collection equipment and slow the collection process. *This schedule is to be considered tentative, subject to weather and equipment delays.*

Troy Welcomes Partnership with Urbana University

On June 23, 2009, Mayor Beamish joined officials of Urbana University to unveil an exciting new partnership between the City of Troy, Troy Development Council, Troy City Schools, and Urbana University. Starting the fall of 2009, Urbana University will offer MBA and M.Ed. programs in Troy, with the classes being held at Troy City School facilities.

The need for "close-to-home" higher education and workforce development opportunities in Troy and the surrounding area have been identified as critical to future community success. It has been a priority for Troy government and business leaders to find a university partner with which to meet that need. At the same time, Urbana University was undertaking strategies to be innovative and to reach out to communities, students, and workforce personnel with customized educational offerings. This new partnership is the outcome of months of work and collaboration between Urbana University and local community leaders.



Neighborhood Stabilization Prog.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is part of the Federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 that focuses on the demolition of foreclosed, abandoned, vacant, and condemned residential properties to improve neighborhoods. Troy became one of the participants in Region 13 along with Piqua, Sidney, Miami County, Shelby County, and Auglaize County. The Troy area has received up to \$246,000 to be spent under this program. Demolition costs will be assessed to the individual properties and repaid to Region 13. Those funds will be available to continue these types of projects in the future. This program is to be completed by December 31, 2012.

Income Tax Division



Vivian House pictured

The office is located in City Hall at 100 South Market Street and can be contacted at (937) 339-3861.

This edition's featured department is the City of Troy Income Tax division. This department is responsible for assisting tax payers to meet compliance standards with the income tax ordinance and prepare individual income tax returns (free of charge) for citizens.

In order to receive services from the Income Tax department, citizens need only to visit the Income Tax office.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of Troy Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission on February 1, 2005 and is intended to serve as a twenty-year plan. The plan is scheduled to be updated every five years. As we approach the fifth year, the update process has already begun. Currently, an update to the existing Recreational Trail Plan is underway. Plans to update the Future Land Use and Thoroughfare Plan are scheduled for this winter and an update to the City of Troy Zoning Map is scheduled for the spring of 2010. We encourage all citizens to get involved in the update process.

Dye Mill Facility

The Dye Mill Road facility, operated by Star Excavation, will remain open through November 30, 2009. The hours of operation will be Monday and Friday from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The facility will be closed on the following legal holidays: September 7 (Labor Day), and November 26 (Thanksgiving Day). Troy residents may take grass clippings, leaves, sod, concrete, dirt, rocks, brick, and brush trimmings (not to exceed one (1) foot in length). Proof of Troy residency is required and must be displayed to the attendant before entering the facility.

NEW AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEM INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE

The City of Troy and Vanguard Utility Service have completed the installation of the City's new Automated Meter Reading system. Radio read transmitting devices were attached to all active water meters in the City. Installation was finished prior to the City's August 1 goal for completion of this project.

Customers will notice that the new radio read device can sit as much as 5/8" higher than the lid on pit meters, so it is important to use caution and care when mowing or plowing

snow. Customers should not mow or plow over the top of the meter pit lids. Damage to radio read devices can cost the homeowner a minimum charge of \$25.00 for slight damage, or the full cost of replacement if readings can no longer be retrieved without replacement.

The Billing and Collection office started utilizing the new system once the installation phase of the project began back in April. This new system provides the capability to retrieve meter readings electronically in the Billing

and Collection office. Readings are transmitted every six hours, and include transmissions for each hour of the day. Having access to hourly meter readings allows the staff to retrieve final meter readings when customers move from a property, calculating final bills in a much more efficient manner. The new system allows us to identify potential problems on customer accounts, making customer notifications occur more quickly. This enhancement has already resulted in greater efficiencies in customer service!

CITY CLIPS

CITY OF TROY EMPLOYEE NEWS

The City of Troy congratulates **Jeff Monce**, who has been promoted to the position of Assistant Water Plant Superintendent. Jeff has been with the City since 2000. The City also congratulates **Oscar "Ralph" Walters** was promoted to the position of Water Plant Mechanic. Ralph has been with the City since 1995. The City of Troy would like to recognize **Tim Fourman**, Engineering Technician, on his retirement of his 29 years of service. Also, recognition goes out to **Kevin Boggs** who retired after 30 years of service with the Street Division. We wish you both well in your retirement.

INCOME TAX UPDATES

All residents of Troy age 18 and older are required to file an annual City of Troy Income Tax Return. If you have not yet filed your return for 2008 or any prior year, bring your tax information to our office for assistance. Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon. — Fri. The Income Tax Division is implementing legal delinquency programs to ensure that all taxpayers are in compliance with the Tax Ordinance. If you receive notification from our office, or if you know you have not filed or paid past due returns, it is important to resolve these issues prior to legal action commencing.

As a reminder, the City of Troy does not mail out statements for paying and remitting quarterly estimated tax. We included the vouchers for all four quarters of 2009 in your 2008 Income Tax Package. If you have not kept these forms, you can find the forms for filing quarterly estimated tax on our website at www.troyohio.gov. (Third quarter estimated tax payments for individuals and calendar year businesses are due by October 31, 2009.)

Landlords are required to file an annual report by July 1st of each year. This report is required to show the name(s) of the individual(s) on the lease, phone number and address of each property. Also, if a tenant has vacated a property within the prior twelve month period, the report must show the date the property was vacated, and forwarding address (if available). Forms for filing the annual Landlord report can be found at our website at www.troyohio.gov. If you have not yet filed your report for July 1st, complete and file your report now. Questions? Contact the City of Troy Income Tax Division at 339-3861.

CITY OF TROY VISION STATEMENT, MISSION STATEMENT, AND VALUES STATEMENT

Vision: The City of Troy will expand its reputation as a family-oriented, vibrant, financially, sustainable community focused on a diversity of economic development, educational opportunities, and high quality of life for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Mission: Through sound and prudent leadership, the City of Troy is committed to sustaining its continued prominence as a regional hub by providing a well-balanced community for its residents, businesses and visitors, consisting of a vibrant downtown, growing economic base, a strong educational environment, and plentiful recreational opportunities strengthened by public/private cooperation and grounded in financial stability.

Values: The City of Troy values (in no particular order): Ethical Behavior; Respect; Honesty; Integrity; Accountability; Partnerships; Fiscal Prudence; High Quality Service Delivery; and Transparency.

DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

MayorMichael L. Beamish
President of CouncilMartha A. Baker
Council Members:
.....1st Ward, Thomas M. Kendall
.....2nd Ward, Thomas H. Kirkham
.....3rd Ward, John W. Schweser
.....4th Ward, Jarrod W. Harrah
.....At-Large, Alan R. Clark
.....At-Large, Mark A. Douglas
.....At-Large, Frank L. Hutchinson
Director of LawGrant D. Kerber
AuditorRichard L. Cultice
TreasurerEdward L. Cox
Director of Public Service & Safety
.....Patrick E. J. Titterington
Assistant Director of Public Service & Safety
.....Thomas C. Funderburg
Clerk of Council and Administrative Assistant
.....Sue G. Knight
Cemetery SuperintendentLewis J. Deeter
City EngineerDeborah J. Swan
Development DirectorJames A. Dando, Jr.
Director of GolfKenneth D. Green
Fire ChiefChristopher L. Boehringer
Fiscal SupervisorMichelle M. Jordan
MIS Manager.Richard C. Oak
Park SuperintendentTimothy J. Mercer
Police ChiefCharles C. Phelps
Recreation DirectorKenneth E. Siler

Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website: www.troyohio.gov



Troy City Programming - Channel 5

Watch the Mayor's Report and the delayed broadcast of City Council Committee and City Council meetings on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 5. **Mayor's Report** — Mon. - 6:30 p.m., Tues. - 11:00 a.m., Thurs. - 9:00 p.m., Fri. - 11:00 a.m., Sat. - 2:00 p.m., Sun. - 7:30 p.m. **City Council Meetings*** — Tues. - 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Sun. - noon

*City Council Committee meetings air just prior to City Council meetings as time permits.



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